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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 3, 2002

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice and add the following new claims.

33. (New) A method for depositing ultrasound energy in body tissue, the method comprising:

emitting ultrasound energy from a first aperture and a second aperture with a center of the first aperture being displaced a first distance from a center of the second aperture; and emitting ultrasound energy from a third aperture having a center displaced a second distance from the center of the second aperture;

wherein the second distance is different than the first distance and the third aperture has a size that is different than at least one of a size of the first aperture and a size of the second aperture;

wherein the ultrasound energy is emitted from the apertures to produce a reduced grating-lobe beam of ultrasound energy in the body tissue; and